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National Women's History Museum Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [I-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 4, 2011
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Apr 4, 2011
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 3, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 31, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 2, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1870	Related bill	<b>Nov 15, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7453-7454)
112 HR 2844	Related bill	<b>Sep 8, 2011:</b> Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
112 HR 1269	Identical bill	<b>Mar 31, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

National Women's History Museum Act of 2011 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Administrator of General Services (GSA) to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the National Women's History Museum, Inc. (the Museum) specified property (commonly known as the "Cotton Annex" site) in the District of Columbia, on terms which the Administrator deems appropriate.

Requires the purchase price for the property to be: (1) its market value based on its highest and best use, as determined by an independent appraisal performed under the assumption that the property does not contain any hazardous substances, waste, or pollutants requiring a response under applicable environmental laws; and (2) paid into the Federal Buildings Fund.

Requires the property to be dedicated for use as a site for a national women's history museum for a 99-year period.

Prohibits using federal funds to purchase the property or design and construct any facility on such property.

Provides for the reversion of the property to the United States without any obligation for repayment of any amount of the purchase price if: (1) it is not used as a site for a national women's history museum during the 99-year period, and (2) the Museum has not commenced construction of a museum facility on such property in a 5-year period other than for reasons beyond the Museum's control.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Administrator to contract with the Museum (or an affiliate) to address any contamination on the property. Directs any nonfederal funds used by the Museum on the Administrator's behalf in response to any such contamination to be credited to the purchase price of the property.

Prohibits: (1) the availability of federal funds for such a credit, and (2) any credit from exceeding the purchase price.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Museum to bear any costs of complying with this Act (subject to the Administrator's responsibility to address any contamination), including studies, reports, surveys, relocating tenants, and mitigating impacts to existing federal buildings and structures.

(Sec. 6) Sets forth the responsibilities of the Administrator with respect to any zoning or land use matters relating to the Museum's development.

(Sec. 7) Requires, for a five-year period or until substantial completion of the museum facility (whichever is later), an annual report to Congress and the Administrator detailing development and construction activities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 2, 2011:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer with amendments. With written report No. 112-14.
- **May 2, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 37.
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1990-1991)
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.